

VESTRY ROOM OF  
St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church.

*Philadelphia, April 2d, 1879.*

*The Vestry beg leave to congratulate the congregation on the success of the movement of our Church to its present locality.*

*Our congregations are large, the Spiritual interest in the parish has been well maintained, and the Sunday Schools are very flourishing. Our pew rental and Sunday collections about meet the current expenses. There is a ground-rent and mortgage on this property, the interest of which amounts to about nine hundred dollars per annum. As we wish to provide for this, for the year in advance, it has been decided to make a special effort on Easter, to raise this amount, and we ask you to subscribe liberally. When the Church on Vine Street is sold, we hope to be entirely free from debt.*

*Let this be a THANK-OFFERING to ALMIGHTY GOD for his goodness to us. "Freely ye have received, freely give."*

*Please fill up the enclosed card and send to the Accounting Warden, Theodore Earp, No. 217 South 3rd St., or place on the plate on Easter Day.*

## Vestry Room of St. Philip's Church,

*Philadelphia, March 20th, 1880.*

As the time of our annual Easter Offering draws near, the congregation will be glad to learn that by the sale of the Chapel on Ninth street, and the furniture in the old Church, between four and five thousand dollars have been realized, and applied to the cancelling of the floating debt and expenses incidental to our removal.

This leaves us entirely free from debt, except the mortgage and ground rent on our property, which we hope to pay off during the coming year, by the sale of the Church on Vine street.

By the liberality of the congregation the Vestry were enabled to provide the last year's interest in advance.

It is hoped this year that by the improved state of business, we may not only be enabled to secure the interest, but to raise a substantial fund, which the Vestry can hold or apply as the best interests of the Parish may dictate.

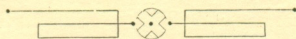
Please fill up the enclosed card and send it to the Accounting Warden, THEODORE EARP, No. 217 South Third street, or place on the plate on Easter Day.

W. F. C. MORSELL, *Rector.*

JOSEPH R. RHOADS,  
GEORGE R. KELLOGG,  
THEODORE EARP,

*Committee of the Vestry.*

# ✦ EASTER SEASON, 1884 ✦



*To the Congregation of St. Philip's Church.*

Your Vestry are actuated by a fixed desire and determination to keep the Church, if possible, free from floating debt, and to do so, must make their annual Easter appeal to you, feeling confident that their present call will not be passed by unheeded.

It has always been your custom in the past, at this joyful season, to respond liberally; and they regret that this year's offering, which should go towards charitable and missionary objects, should have to be diverted to those nearer home, but indulge the hope that when another year rolls around, no appeal for money will be necessary, except for these purposes.

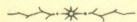
The present deficiency amounts to \$850, and the Warden will require this sum to enable him to pay debts now due.

There should be no difficulty in making good this amount, and if all who have the welfare of the Church at heart, will shoulder so much of the load as they may feel able to carry, the burden will be very light on each.

St. Philip's has certainly entered upon a new career of usefulness and prosperity, and all that seems to be required to restore the Old Church to its former rank in this Diocese, is one earnest continued effort on the part of each and every member of the congregation.

Your Vestry feel more than encouraged at the marked improvement shown in every way, since the new Rector has taken charge of the Parish, and feel that the Church is to be congratulated on the providential selection.

## —EASTER, 1885.—



TO THE CONGREGATION OF ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH:

Your Vestry has hopefully trusted that they would not be compelled to appeal to you this year for an Easter offering except for charitable and missionary objects. This hope has not been realized and they are reluctantly compelled to admit that the revenues derived from all sources have been inadequate to meet actual expenses, creating a deficiency which can only be made up through your generous voluntary contributions.

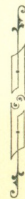
They feel sure that you share with them the earnest wish that the church may be kept free from floating debt; it can only be freed now, by each and every one giving of his substance to the extent of his ability.

The church needs, and must have two vital forces—one, free and willing hands to help it over just such difficulties as these, and the other, an earnest missionary spirit in the hearts of all, ever striving to bring new material under the Christian influence of the Rector.

St. Philip's is certainly making progress,—it is increasing its membership, growing in zeal, and widening its circle of good and charitable work. These encouraging promises for the future should gladden every heart and stimulate every soul interested in its welfare.

Let none of us faint by the wayside, but press forward. Let every nerve be strained to bring the permanent revenues of the dear old church up to the measure of its expenses, and with one united effort let us wipe away, at this joyful season, this one stumbling block to our brighter future.

## ✦EASTER OFFERING, 1885.✦



Name, .....

Address, .....

Amount, .....

When Payable, .....